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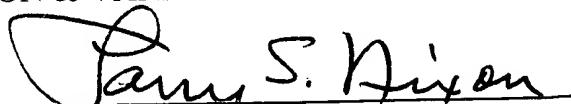
Attention is directed to the attached documents cited in a UK Search Report for a counterpart of this application. The UK Examiner has (erroneously) alleged that claim 1 is anticipated since the citations do not have a valid address they be presumed to send back a control frame which defines an invalid protocol address. A PTO-1449 is also attached.

Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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